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Precedence: ROUTINE

Date: 02/04/2003

To: San Diego

From: San Diego  
Squad 15

Contact: SA [REDACTED]

Approved By: [REDACTED]

Drafted By: [REDACTED] wlp

(S) Case ID #: (S/NF/OC) [REDACTED] (Pending)

Title: (S/NF/OC) SHAREEF ABDULMUTTALEB El-ARBI (USPER)  
IT-UBL/AL-QAEDA

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(S/NF/OC) ~~Derived From: G-3~~  
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(U) Details: (S/NF/OC) [REDACTED] became a subject of interest to the FBI San Diego Office subsequent to the arrest of [REDACTED] and [REDACTED] surfaced out of the investigation from the 09/11/2001, attacks because of their association to the hijackers, Nawaf Al-Hazmi and Khalid Almihdhar on Flight 77.

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(S) (U) (S/NF/OC) The vehicle was searched by agents and found to contain a medical prescription for Khalid Al-Midhar, from [REDACTED] [REDACTED] San Diego, California, a receipt for car service at California Motor Works, San Diego, California, signed by Khalid Al-Midhar, and an insurance card for Khalid Al-Midhar. Subsequent investigation determined that both Al-Hazmi and Al-Midhar resided in San Diego in 1999 and 2000.

(U) (S/NF/OC) Also found during the search of Al-Hazmi's vehicle was a piece of paper with [REDACTED] written on it. Subsequent search of telephone databases revealed that the telephone number [REDACTED] was subscribed to [REDACTED]  
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(U) (S/NF/OC) On 09/20/2001, FBI agents located and interviewed [REDACTED] in La Mesa, California. [REDACTED]  
[REDACTED]

(U) (S/NF/OC) [REDACTED]  
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(U) (S/NF/OC) Investigation by FBI determined that [REDACTED] helped acclimate Al-Hazmi and Al-Midhar to the San Diego area and provided assistance with their travel arrangements and flight lessons

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(U) [REDACTED]

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(U) ~~(S/NF/OC)~~ On 09/20/2001, FBI agents located and interviewed [REDACTED] California. [REDACTED] admitted that he was associated with telephone number [REDACTED] advised that he was enrolled at Grossmont College. Investigation at Grossmont College revealed [REDACTED] collegiate email address as [REDACTED] as an additional email account on his student record

(U) ~~(S/NF/OC)~~ [REDACTED] provided the FBI with consent to search his residence and computer. The search uncovered a box-cutter and several computer-generated photographs of Usama Bin Laden. A subsequent search of the computer by the San Diego Regional Computer Forensics Laboratory (RCFL) revealed several occurrences of email addresses, [REDACTED] and [REDACTED] It also revealed email messages from [REDACTED] The computer search also revealed an email address [REDACTED] to email account, ss3000@hotmail.com, On 10/30/2000 with the subject stating: "I'm very very sorry." The FBI has determined that Al-Hazmi utilized the ss3000@hotmail.com account in late 2000 through early March 2001.

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1. [REDACTED]
2. [REDACTED]
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(U) ~~(S/NF/OC)~~ FBI investigation at Grossmont College also revealed that email address, MOHDAR78@HOTMAIL.COM, was provided by Mohdar Abdullah as a point of contact. Grossmont College further provided the Abdullah's collegiate email address is listed as MOHDARABDULLAH@STUDENTS.GCCCD.NET.

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According to [redacted]  
[redacted] was studying Arabic studies at a University, (name unknown to [redacted])

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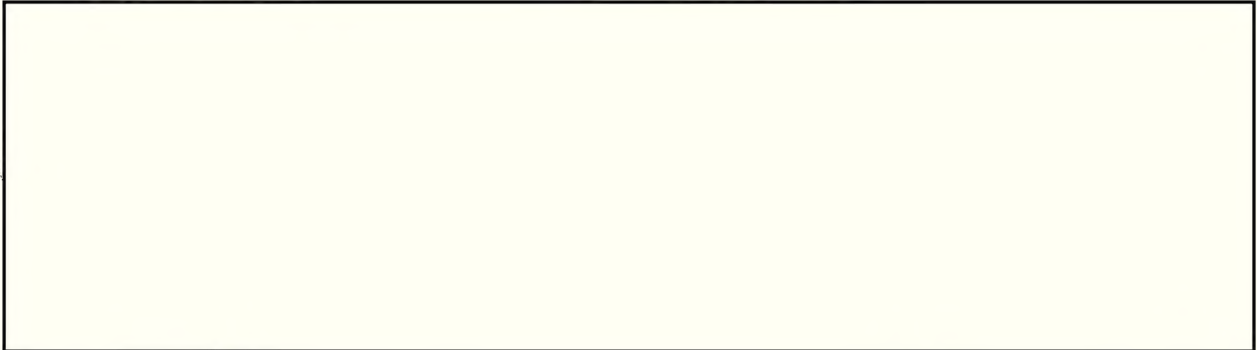
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